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WOW! I BARELY HAD
ENOUGH TIME TO THROW
SERGEANT SIMIAN'S
GRENADE UP AND OUT THE
SKYLIGHT! ONE MINUTE
SOONER AND EVERYONE
HERE WOULD'VE BEEN
TOAST!

GEEZ...
TALK ABOUT
GORILLA
WARFARE!

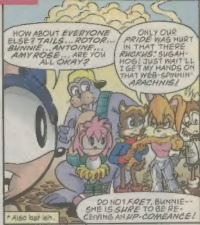
BOOM



SURE, SONIC...
EXCEPT FOR THAT
AREA AT THE BACK OF
NECK WHERE NACK
(THAT NO-GOOD NEASEL)
WHACKED ME?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,
PRINCESS SALLY?

*see last issue 276



HOW ABOUT EVERYONE
ELSE? TAILS... ROTOR...
BUNNIE... ANTOINE...
AMY ROSE... ARE YOU
ALL OKAY?

ONLY OUR
PRIDE WAS HURT
IN THAT THERE
RUCKUS! SUGAR-
HOG! JUST WAIT 'LL
I GET MY HANDS ON
THAT WEB-SPINNIN'
ARACHNIS!

DO NOT FRET, BUNNIE--
SHE IS SURE TO BE RE-
CEIVING AN UP-COMEANCE!

*also last issue



THOSE CRIMINALS ARE
GONNA GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO
EM--NO WAY IS ANYBODY
GONNA JUST WALTZ IN HERE
AND KIDNAP A FRIEND O'
MINE!

THERE'S NO TELLIN'
WHAT THOSE NO-GOOD-
NIXES'LL DO TO POOR
NATE IF THEY--



WHOCARES
WHAT THEY DO
TO HIM? JUST
LOOK AT THIS
PLACE--MY
HUSBAND AND
I PUT OUR
SWEAT AND
TEARS INTO
THIS JUICE
BAR--

--AND NOW LOOK!
IT'S COMPLETELY
DEMOLISHED!



BUT IT WASN'T NATE'S
FAULT! DON'T YOU UNDER-
STAND? HIS SCIENTIFIC
SKILLS MAKE HIM A TOP
SECRET INGREDIENT OR
SOMETHIN'--EVERYBODY
WANTS TO GET A HOLD
OF HIM!

TELL IT
TO THE
SECRET
SERVICE!



WE'LL HAVE TO
DO ONE BETTER THAN
THAT AND TELL YOUR
DAD, SALLY!

YOU SAID
IT, SONIC! NEXT
STOP--



CASTLE ACORN!

MY APOLOGIES ONCE AGAIN, SIRE, BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WE SPOKE -- THE TWO SHUTTLE-CRAFTS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG WERE INDEED EMPTY...

...LEADING ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS PERISHED IN THE AREA'S BOILING OCEANS!

A TRAGIC END TO A TRAGIC TALE GEOFFREY...



BAD!



SALLY--WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S NATE--HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!



K-KIDNAPPED? BY WHOM?

SNIVELY.



HE ALONG WITH MODOS, PREDATOR HAWK, DRAGO, LIGHTNING LYNX, FLYING FROG AND JUST ABOUT ANYBODY WHO SHARED A CELL AT THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG GOT US ALL PRETTY GOOD."

IMPOSSIBLE! I SAY--THERE IS NO WAY THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKERS! MY AGENTS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THERE!

THEN THEY WERE SHAPE-SHIFTERS... OR EVIL-DOUBLES... OR CLONES--WHATEVER! CAN I TALK TO SOMEBODY WITH SOME AUTHORITY AROUND HERE?

CUZ THE GOON SQUAD'S ON THE LOOSE AND THEY'VE GOT MY FRIEND!

BUT SONIC, HOW COULD THE KIDNAPPERS BE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SHUTTLE-CRAFTS WERE FOUND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE GULAG? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THE TREK BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS IN SUCH RECORD TIME?

MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION!

DOCTOR QUACK!

NONE OTHER... SEVERAL OF THE MALNOURISHED PRISON GUARDS, PLACED IN THE LOCK-UP BY SNIVELY'S CREW--

--HAVE REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH ENOUGH TO INFORM ME OF A THIRD MISSING SHUTTLE-CRAFT.

OKAY-- SO THEY'VE GOT A SET O' WINGS! THE NUMERO UNO QUESTION STILL ON MY MIND IS WHERE THOSE NO-GOODNIKS TOOK NATE!

WELL... I MAY NOT HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE LIKE THE GOOD DOCTOR BUT I DO HAVE A MAP OF THE PLANET AT MY DISPOSAL...

...AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A LONGSHOT PERHAPS THE FELONS FLED NO FURTHER THAN THE LAND MASS CLOSEST TO DEVIL'S ISLAND!



OF COURSE...THE OL' HED'IN' IN PLAIN SIGHT ROUTINE! NICE JOB, PRINCE ELIAS!

ALL RIGHT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS--ARE WE READY TO JUICE OR WHAT?



SONIC!

WHAT ON MOBIUS DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER! THE KINGDOM OF ACORN IS NO LONGER AT WAR--IT NO LONGER EXPECTS CHILDREN TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST ITS ENEMIES.

THE INCARCERATION OF SHIVELY'S RENEGADES AND THE RETRIEVAL OF MATE MORGAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY MY OWN SECRET SERVICE--LED BY NONE OTHER THAN COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN.

WHAT?

DADDY--YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

WE'VE TACKLED THOSE CREEPS NO SWEAT! WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE FOR YEARS!



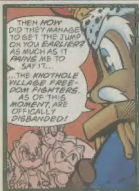
THEN HOW DID THEY MANAGE TO GET THE JUMP ON YOU EARLIER? AS MUCH AS IT HAVES ME TO SAY IT...

...THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AS OF THIS MOMENT, ARE OFFICIALLY DISBANDED!

ST. JOHN?

AT ONCE, MY LEVIE! HERSEY... VALDEZ... WOMBAT 5TH... HEAVY... BOMB...

...LET'S GO!



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MANY HOURS LATER, A ROYAL SUBMARINE (CREATED FROM LEFTOVER SCRAP METAL) EMERGES FROM THE LUKEMARM DEPTHS OFF THE COAST OF BIG KAHUNA ISLAND.

OKAY, AGENTS, THIS IS OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH-- WE'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST SOME MIGHTY TOUGH CUSTOMERS AND THEY'RE RIGHT AHEAD OF US...

...IN WEST ROBOTROPOLIS, A CITY THAT'S BEEN DESERTED SINCE THE FALL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

IT'S THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR SNIVELY AND HIS BAND OF ROGUES!

RUMOR HAS IT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS USING THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING ISLAND AS A TESTING GROUND FOR EXPERIMENTS OF A SECRET NATURE. IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT...

HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

AT THE RISK
OF SOUNDING CLICHE
--Uhh. WHAT TOOK
YOU SO LONG?

IF I HAD
ARGUED ELYNO
BUT ESSCI
WAS IN THE
MIDDLE

THE VIOLA
TOWN TO GET
ORDERLY WORKING
ACROSS AT THE
FACILITY PRISONERS
WAS THE CREEPY
MURDERER
LIVELY



SAME
TEEN & THE
RANGE

MSIX
MEANS
ALL

4 THAT
WAS I AM
HERE AND
FREE
AGENT



DEER SO
BETTER IF YOU
WOULD AGREE TO PRO
F YOUR SERVICES TO
MY COHORTS AND ME!

WHAT
SAY

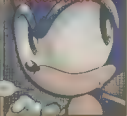


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I'M TELLING YOU SONIC, IF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER.

WELL, I KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE CALLED OURSELVES THE "FREEIGN FIGHTERS," BUT MAINLY, IT WAS 'CAUSE WE HAD MORE THAN ONE US.

GRROWWWWW



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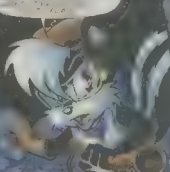
COME ON SONIC... IT'S TIME TO SHAKE AND BAKE! WE'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING UP AHEAD!



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HE'S PARKE
LOST AT THE
ABANDONED COURT-
HOUSE--OUR GUARDY
MUST LE WITH HIM.

RIGHT THEN TROOPS--
LET'S GET THIS PLACE SUR-
ROUNDED SO I CAN ORDER
THE ROUGHNECKS TO



AND NEITHER
SHOULD YOU

WENT 2 BAD
MOVE 2 TON
IF YOU GO THROUGH
NATE LL GRAD
WATE FROM K D
HAD VICT M TO
HOSTAGE!

WAS A "BORN" THE
CAUSED TO BE A L
WAS A QUEEN ALICIA
WAS THE "GREAT" WARD

WH BLAME LATE
FOR THAT?

I HADN'T
 AROUND FOR THE
 DEATH OF J. ED
 HE C KNOWS
 WHAT SHE AT
 IN. DOOF

* Read left side and **KNUCKLES**
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YOU'LL SEE
THAT I CAN
GIVE AS GOOD
AS I GET,
SONIC

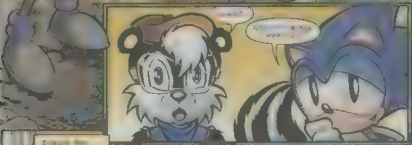
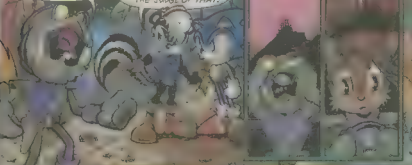
MAYBE
A LITTLE
MORE

WALL THREAT
TO FORGIVE WORTHY
PART OF HER
BE CAUSE I BE
WENT TO IN ENERGY

CLEARLY JEOPARDIZES
THE MISSION!

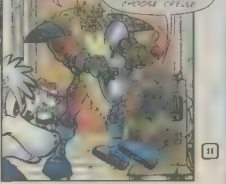
I HOLD THE
HIGHEST RANK HERE
SOLDIER. LET ME BE
THE JUDGE OF THAT!

HOW DO
YOU JUDGE THIS
COMMANDER?



I AM
CLOUDHOUSE

COME ON
AND JOIN
ME

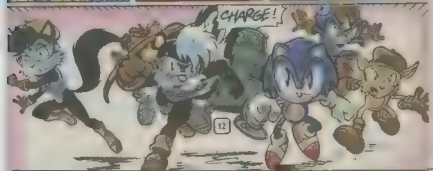
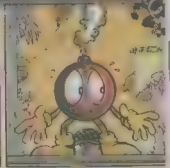
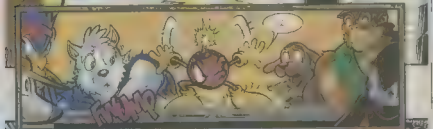


I DON'T LIKE YOU
BACK WHEN YOU WERE
THE KINGDOM'S WAR-
LORD 10000 AND I
STILL CAN'T BE YOU
CHOOSE CREASE



TAKE
LOSS

WAS
THE SAY-UP
FUNNY





A SAILOR HIT
APACH ON LINE



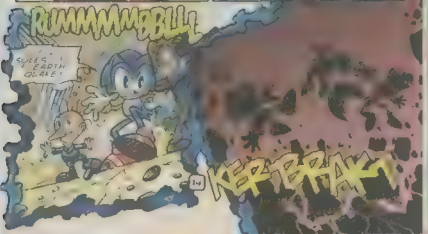
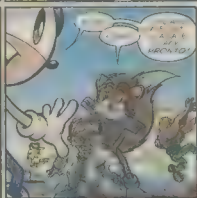
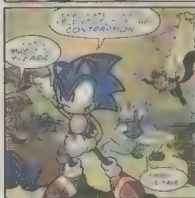
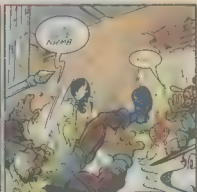
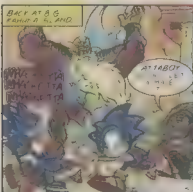
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SYSTEM LOCATION
OF TARGET



TARGET
ACQUIRED. SYSTEM
LOCKED. AND
BEGINNING
ACTIVATION



NOW



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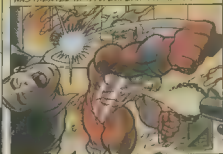
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IT ALL BEGAN DURING WORLD WAR TWO, WHEN FREEDOM-LOVING PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE LONGED FOR A NOBLE AND TRUE HERO TO LEAD IT OUT OF ITS DARKEST DAYS. HERE IN A TOP SECRET MILITARY BASE, A YOUNG G-MAN AND SCIENTIST IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THE ADVENTURE OF HIS LIFE TIME...

JOE HIGGINS, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNSELFISH DEDICATION, TO YOUR FELLOW MAN, YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT SHIELD!

WITHIN THIS GARMENT BAG IS THE UNIFORM WHICH WILL TRANSFORM YOU FROM AN ORDINARY MAN TO AN EXTRAORDINARY ONE!

THE SUIT WAS INDEED EXTRAORDINARY BESIDES BEING BULLET PROOF AND FIRE PROOF, IT WAS TREATED WITH AN EXPERIMENTAL ALLOY.



THIS ALLOWED THE ALREADY ATHLETIC HIGGINS TO PERFORM AMAZING FEATS OF STRENGTH. THE SHIELD WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS DUTY!

ONE FATEFUL NIGHT, HIS LUCK RAN OUT, AS ARCH VILLAIN, THE ERASER, TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE.

MY PLOT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SHIELD! YOU'LL HAVE NO TIME TO DODGE MY RAYS!



AND THE ERASER WAS RIGHT. HIS RAYS DEBILITATED AND SUCCESSFULLY ENDED THE SHIELD - CAPTIVE, OR DID IT?

THE SHIELD'S SON, JOE HIGGINS JR, DREAMS OF THE DAY HE CAN CARRY ON HIS FATHER'S CRUSADE.

BY COMBINING MY FATHER'S ANATOMICAL FORMULA WITH THIS CATALYTIC AGENT I'VE DEVELOPED, I CAN EXPAND UPON THE POWERS OF MY FATHER'S UNIFORM... AND BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE ORIGINAL SHIELD!

AND SO, THE LEGACY OF DEMOCRACY'S GREATEST CHAMPION LIVES ON, FOR WHEREVER FREEDOM IS THREATENED, OPPRESSORS MUST FACE THE POWER OF... THE SHIELD!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL HEROES? ASK YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU MEMORIZE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS!

VALENTINO/VALDORRE

IT RISES UP FROM
BENEATH THE FLOOR
THE OLD COURT
MAY BE MUTATE

NO

NO

NO

NO
I CAN'T DEAD
I LEAVE
REF

NO
I AGARDON MY
I LEAVE
I LEAVE

NO
I MET
I COMRONS

NO
I LUCK

BOOM

WHAT THE
HAPPENED

THE BOMB
EXPLODED THE
MACHINE

1/200
1/200

BOMBS CAN TAKE
A LICKIN AND STILL
KEEP ON TICKIN'

40

KNOWING THE
ONE OF THE
ONLY THINGS THAT CAN
CALL DA BOMB

AND

ALL RIGHT THEN
LET'S GET THE CHIEFS
ON THESE BLOKES AND
READY THEM FOR TRANS
PORT BACK TO GULAG
SLAND.

WELL, EVEN
THOUGH SOME
OF SNIVELY'S
MURDERERS
ESCAPED
IN THE
CONFUSION

THE OVERALL MISSION
HAS BEEN A SMASHING
SUCCESS!

THANKS
FOR THE
SAFETY
THOUGH I'VE
GAINED A
TROPHY FOR
YOU TO TAKE
TO THE JUNGLE
WHERE OTHER
THAT THE
MURDERER
OF DOHNUNDA
CL CROC
BUT
THAT'S IT

THAT'S
THE
ONE
IS HE?

DON'T SWEAT IT--I'VE
GOTTEN MY ROBOTIC REMAINS
STORED AWAY

Read on for the full scoop

BI-PLANE?

OH
THE
GOOD
TECH

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IT'S THE SAME
NIGHTMARE
OVER AND OVER



I'M FLYING OVER
SANDBLAST CITY
WHEN SUDDENLY
MY PLANE
DISINTEGRATES
LOCK STOCK AND
BARREL

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I PLUMMET AND PLUMMET AND PLUMMET
STILL FOR WHAT RESEMBLES ME HERE

AGAIN - NO MORE THAN THE
MY LEAN AND I NEED
FOLLOW ME THE STATUE



THE VERY
MONUMENT I
SHATTERED SO
TALENT AND I
COULD BREAK
THE FORCE
FELL AND
ESCAPES OUR
CAPTORS *

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"A" ALONG NO
AT ME

THE CRUDD
PIECE OF
CONCRETE IN
"A" "A"
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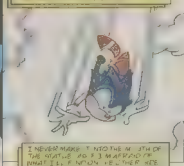
AS "A" FALLS HE IS GRADUALLY BEING
NEARLY KILLED BY VERY EXISTENCE AS
I FACE TO GARTHO MAN

THEN I WAKE UP IN A POOL OF SWEAT HEAR
POUNING AND CHAMPAGNE TASTING FET

PROBLEM IS SOMETHING HOW'S ARE BACK
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I WAKE UP AT THE
SAME POINT IN THE DREAM

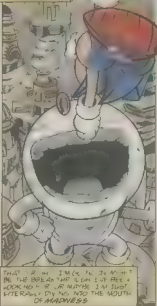


I DON'T KNOW WHAT
THE DREAM MEANS BUT
I KNOW IT ENDS



I NEVER MAKE IT INTO THE MOUTH OF
THE STATUE SO I'M AFRAID OF
WHAT IS BEYOND THE OTHER SIDE

SEE TO KEEP AN
ALL ALONG BUT
TODAY I'M NOT
GOING TO LET ME
HOLD MYSELF BACK
TODAY I'M NOT
CLUT HOW THE
DREAM ENDS



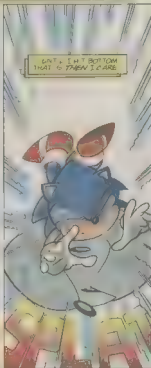
THAT'S RIGHT I'M IN THE MOUTH
IN THE DREAM AND I DON'T CARE
I'M NOT AFRAID I'M NOT
LITERALLY DYING INTO THE MOUTH
OF MADNESS

WHAT A
RUSH!

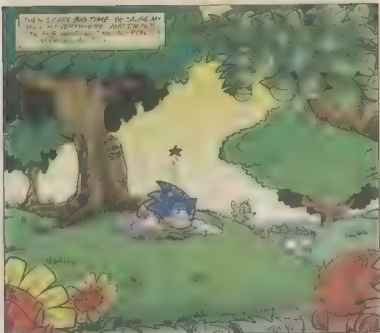


THEY SAY
I CAN
KNOW WHERE
I'M BEING
AND I
DON'T CARE

BUT I'M NOT BOTTOM
THAT'S THEN I CARE



THEN I CARE BIG TIME BECAUSE MY
MOM'S EVERYWHERE AND I'M NOT
TAKE HIS MOTHER'S NAME IN PORN
SOUND A LOT

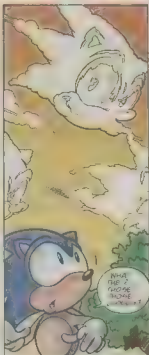


HEY MISTAK
YOU'RE NOT
WEARING A
I DON'T SA NEED
A DUNG! I SAH RT
LET ME OUT I
SA WITH ONE
SA GLO SA
DAY MUMAGE
TO OUR



HE HE WRO
OH MY I CAN BELIEVE
IT RIGHT HERE IN FRONT
OF ME

HEY DUDE
CH LL
I JUST



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHO IS THIS PLACE? TELL ME TELL ME

THE

NEE SOME MAIN BELAY IT'S JUST JAM BOSS I GOTTA CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE THE PROPHECIES WERE TRUE! IT WASN'T JUST LEGEND

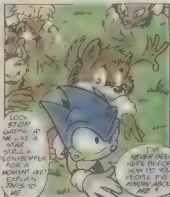
YOU AND THE HERD OF ALL HERDEN TO BE ELEVATED ABOVE ALL

ARE ABOVE ALL HEROES? GET REAL THERE'S NO MORE THERE'S MORE IN A TRY

A TRUE FREEDOM FIGHTER IT'S NOT HEROIC BUT MODEST AS ME!!

PLEASE IT'S SOME SHIRTS MAY I BE HONORED WITH EARLY DEPART

WHAT THE? THOSE SHIRTS?



LOO STOP GASPING AT ME LIKE A STAR STRUCK TEENYBOPPER FOR A MOMENT AN' EXPLAIN THIS TO ME

I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE HOW DID YOU PEOPLE EVEN KNOW ABOUT ME?

OUR ADVENTURES THEY'RE LEGENDARY THEY'VE ALL BEEN CHRONICLED

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CAN'T I JUST TAKE THE CONSOLATION PRIZE BEHIND DOOR NUMBER THREE?



**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
IS HERE!!**

YOUR FOLK, HEROES & HAN. WE'RE SO SORRY WE WERE JUST ENGORGED IN YOUR ADVENTURES AS ALWAYS.

WE HAVE THEM ALL CATALOGUED NOW, KNOW, BUT WE CONSTANTLY REVIEW THEM TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHING WE MISSED. THEY CAN GO TO THE T & DEEP.



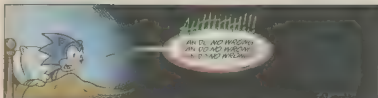
YEAH, LIKE YOU AREN'T YOU AND VALLY AN ITEM? YOU SHOULD BE TOGETHER NOT APART. I DON'T LIKE TO SEE AN ITEM AND I HAVE TO BE TOGETHER.

I DON'T BUY THE BIT WHERE YOU SAY YOU'VE GOTTEN THE POLY-BE A STRUCK-UP EMBLEM OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. CAUSE A... AGREE THE



BUT WE'VE MORE TO CARE THING YOU'RE OUR HERO. IT MATTER WHAT WE LOVE YOU. YOU CAN DO NO WRONGS.



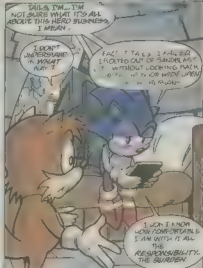


AND NO HADDO
AN DOAD HADDO
A DOAD HADDO



TAILS I'M
GLAD YOU
CAME OVER

OF COURSE
BUDDY - CAN'T
MENTION IT WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

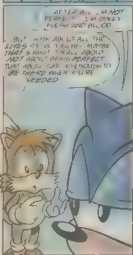


TAILS I'M... I'M
NOT SURE WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT THIS HERO BUSINESS,
I MEAN.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IN WHAT
WAY?

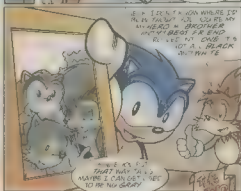
FACT I TALKED I FAILED
I GOT OUT OF SENDERLAST
WITHOUT LOOKING BACK
I TOOK MY OWN WIDE WARD
I AM ALONE

I DON'T KNOW
HOW FORGETTABLE
I AM WITH IT ALL
THE
RESPONSIBILITY
THE BURDEN



AFTER ALL, I MAY NOT
PERFECTLY, I'M ONE
PLEASANT AND ALLOY

BUT I CAN AT LEAST
THE LIVES OF THE LIVES MAYBE
THAT'S WHAT I'M ABOUT
NOT ABOUT THE PERFECT
JUST ABOUT THE PERFECT
BE THE BEST WHEN YOU'RE
NEEDED



IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE IS
THEY ARE BUT I CAN RE-
MY HEAD IN MY BROTHER
MY BEST FRIEND
I'VE NOT ONE TO
NOT A BLACK
WITHIN THE

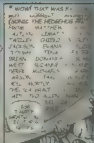
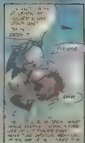
WE'RE NOT
THAT WAY TAILS
MAYBE I CAN GET A
TO BE MY GRAY

THE
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THIS JUST IN!

What's up, Hog & Knux fans? As you know, we get a lot of mail (and I do mean A LOT!) in the Sonic and Knuckles office every day. I'm not just talking about snail mail either we receive hundreds of e-mails as well. Most talk about their interest in the book and what's going on in recent issues. Others ask so many questions it can make your head spin right off like a top. And still many others discuss their collection and how to complete it by searching for the missing issues. The ones I want to discuss in this edition are the ones for many of our freelance talent. There are many fans who want to write directly to them, specifically to the writers and artists who make our favorite characters come to life. Well, if you are one of those fans here's how to do it. All you have to do is mail it to us, and we will gladly forward it to whomever you want to write to. Just simply send your letters to:

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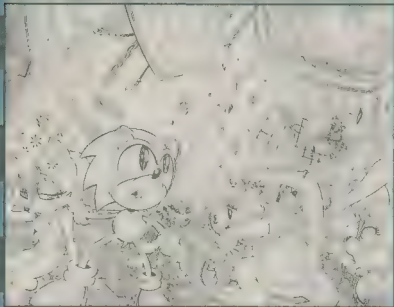
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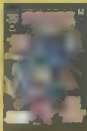
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We interrupt this regularly scheduled letters page to bring you a bonus feature not normally seen (The following is a double spread of the explosion scene after the first page. Unfortunately, there was one page too many for this month to support so the decision was made to make this page into a splash instead. We just thought you might like to see what the page would've looked like had we had the room in its original penciled form. Enjoy!) We will now return you to this month's letters page already in progress which will make its appearance next month.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

In two weeks Knuckles is in chaos! The Brotherhood captured! Haven is under control! The Dark Legion! His revenge on The Floating Island gone mad! And all this is happening on the real island, when the stakes are at their highest. Dimitri is one happy puppy. Check out the conclusion to the "Dark Alliance" story arc writ on by Ken Penders with guest art by Jim Valentino and Marvel!

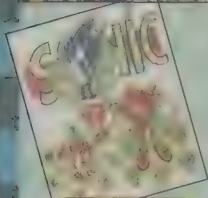
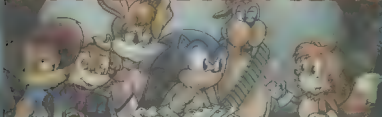


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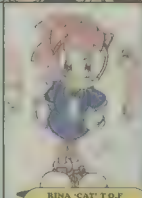
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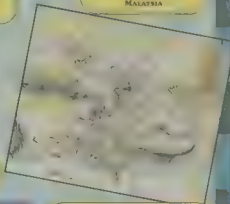
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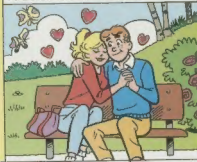


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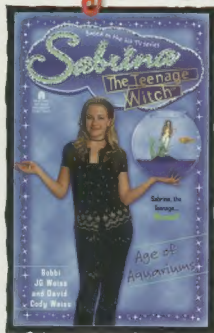
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